

Thursday, June 13, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Congressional Budget Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6167–S6254*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1878, S. Res. 262–264, and S. Con. Res. 64 and 65. **Page S6225**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–279)

H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 226, to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as “National Character Counts Week”.

S. 1559, to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6223**

### Measures Passed:

*Congressional Budget Resolution:* By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate passed the conference report on H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages S6167–86**

*U.S. Fire Administration Positions:* Senate passed S. 1488, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions. **Page S6253**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**Pages S6186–87, S6197–S6216**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Friday, June 14, 1996, and Thursday, June 20, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S6187**

A further consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on the nominations of Laurence H. Meyer, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, following disposition of the nomination of Mr. Greenspan. **Page S6187**

**DOD Authorizations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1745, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at 10 a.m. **Pages S6253–54**

**Committee Authority To File:** Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters was granted authority to file any reported items until 12 Midnight on Monday, June 17, 1996. **Page S6253**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S6219–20**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S6220, S6243–46, S6248**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—159)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 14, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6254.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FAA AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Aviation Administration and the Airport Improvement Program.

### NATIONAL RECREATION LAKES STUDY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1844, to increase recreational opportunities on American lakes and rivers, after receiving testimony from John H. Zirschky, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Janice McDougale, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kathryn Jackson, Senior Vice President, Resource Group, and Bob Herbst, Washington Representative, both of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Marshall Funk, Scotts Marina, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Marina Operators Association of America; Tom Stidham, Norris Marine, Norman, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Marine Retailers Association of America; Ray Gardiner, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah, on behalf of Recreation Roundtable; and Ron Stone, States Organization for Boating Access, Washington, D.C.

### WELFARE AND MEDICAID REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine proposals to reform the welfare and Medicaid system, focusing on S. 1795, to restore the American family, enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, reduce welfare dependence by requiring work, meet the health care needs of America's most vulnerable citizens, control welfare and Medicaid spending, and increase State flexibility, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kelly was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Moynihan, and Ms. Miller was introduced by Senators Chafee and Moynihan.

### PLO COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) compliance from Dennis Ross, Special Middle East Coordinator, Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1533, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 419, to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc. for certain emergency work and services performed by them;

S. 1559, to make technical corrections to Federal bankruptcy law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 226, to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week".

### CHALLENGES OF THE ELDERLY

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Aging resumed hearings to examine the scope of challenges facing America's aging society, focusing on whether working Americans are adequately preparing for retirement and what may impede their ability to do so, receiving testimony from Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, and Karen Ferguson, Pension Rights Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter M. Kelly, Murphy, Smith and Polk, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Alan Sklar, Gleeson, Sklar, Sawyers, and Cumpata, Skokie, Illinois, on behalf of National Small Business United; and Phillip J. Longman, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.